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SUBJ: CODEL HUMPHREY/CULVER, MONDALE, MAGNUSON, QUIE

USIA FOR DIRECTOR KEOGH, IWE/GILDNER

1. IN CONNECTION WITH 150TH EMIGRATION ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM IN STAVANGER, PHILLIPS PETROLEUM CO., BIGGEST U.S. PRODUCER IN NORTH SEA, WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL MEN IN CONGRESSIONAL PARTIES TO VISIT EXTENSIVE EKOFISH OIL CITY MIDWAY BETWEEN SCOTLAND AND NORWAY ON SUNDAY, JULY 6. TRIP, WHICH WOULD BE BY HELICOPTER, WOULD BEGIN AT 0800 WITH RETURN TO STAVANGER ABOUT 1400.

2. A SEPARATE LADIES PROGRAM WOULD BE ARRANGED DURING THIS PERIOD.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT (OR INFO ADDRESSEES) CONVEY THIS INVITATION ALL CODELS SOONEST AND ADVISE THEM THAT EKOFISH TRIP HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY PREVIOUS VISITORS, WHICH HAVE BEEN FEW AND VERY SELECT, AS AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFE-TIME. EKOFISH ITSELF IS AN "UNEARTHLY" CITY BUILT ON FOUR GIGANTIC PLATOFRMS IN 200 FEET OF WATER JUST INDISDE THE NORWEGIAN SECTOR OF THE NORTH SEA. IT IS THE HEART OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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HIGHEST PRODUCING NORTH SEA OIL FIELD, AND IS DESIGNED TO

COLLECT OIL FROM SURROUNDING WELLS, RUN IT THROUGH PRE-LIMINARY REFINING PROCESS, AND THEN SEND OIL TO ENGLAND AND GAS TO GERMANY VIA PIPELINE. PHILLIPS IS OPERATOR OF EKOFISH COMPLEX, WHICH IN ALL WAYS REPRESENTS WORLD'S MOST ADVANCED OFF-SHORE TECHNOLOGY.

4. UNFORTUNATELY, OFFICIAL EMIGRATION ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM DOES NOT PERMIT EKOFISH TRIP PRIOR JULY 6. THOUGH MOST CODELS WOULD HAVE TO DELAY DEPARTURE FROM NORWAY TO MAKE EKOFISH VISITS, REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONVEY EMBASSY'S STRONG RECOMMENDATION THAT THEY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS MEMORABLE OPPORTUNITY IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

5. ADVISE SOONEST OF CODEL INTEREST IN ACCEPTING THIS INVITATION SO APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

6. FYI-USIA DIRECTOR KEOGH AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (WEST EUROPE) GLIDNER VISITED EKOFISH LAST SUMMER AND COULD PROVIDE FURTHER DESCRIPTION OF COMPLEX.
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